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Veterans Day, Nov. 11, is that one day of the year set aside for veterans. Parades and programs in all parts of the country will pay tribute to those who served to keep the nation free. Original intention of the yearly occasion was to remember those who fought in World War I. It ended on Nov. 11, 1918. After World War II, it was changed from Armistice Day to Veterans Day to remember all veterans. The photo is by Ken Roeser.

Liberty Memorial by Dan Hubble. In Kansas City, not far from VFW National Headquarters, is the nation's sole monument of such size and scope devoted exclusively to World War I and the men and women who fought "the war to end all wars." Its tower, soaring 217 feet and topped by a flame, is visible for miles. In recent years, the Liberty Memorial and its grounds have become the site of an area-wide Fourth of July celebration. Annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day programs are held there, too.

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Let's Build Korean Memorial. A Korean War veteran and student, John H. Young, canvassed opinion among veterans of World War II and of the Korean and Vietnam Wars and non-veterans and found no disagreement on erection of a memorial to Korean veterans, only a slight divergence on the type of recognition. So far, only in Mattoon, Ill., has a monument exclusively to Korean veterans been raised. Congressional action for a monument is moving forward (see Washington Wire).

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Always a Soldier — and VA Volunteer by Ethel K. Davis. In this story, a daughter tells of her father's work over the years for hospitalized veterans, climaxed by an award from the Department of New York by Earl L. Stock, now Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, when he was Department Service Officer. William J. Kelly, a World War I veteran nearing 90, is still on the job. In a sidebar, plans for the 40th anniversary of the VA Voluntary Service are related.



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Life on Mars? NASA Says Maybe by Linda Blum. "Ice-covered lakes on ancient Mars may have provided a medium capable of supporting the evolution of life, NASA scientists say," the writer relates. Photos of lakes taken by the Viking space probes show that the same process that keeps Antarctic lakes relatively warm may have been at work on Mars.

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Veterans Day Thoughts



Norman G. Staab
VFW Commander-in-Chief

Veterans Day is that special day set aside each Nov. 11 to remember Americans who have served their country.

Parades and patriotic demonstrations will be held the country over to pay tribute to the 28 million living veterans, the 1.2 million who have died fighting to establish freedom or to defend it, the nearly 40 million who have worn the American uniform in wartime and the millions who served to keep the peace.

Many of the living veterans fought in more than one war. For example, the more than six million Korean War veterans include a million or so who served in World War II. Comprising the 8.3 million Vietnam Era veterans are 644,000 Korean War veterans. And, of course, there are veterans who served in as many as three wars.

So the veterans' population includes all generations; yes, even a handful of Spanish-American War veterans still remain.

Thus, we in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States have our work cut out for us. It is our responsibility to see to it that this nation's veterans receive the recognition due them because of their service. This recognition is due them from the general population, from the government that sent them to

war and made them veterans, and from other veterans.

By other veterans is meant that no veteran should harbor animosity toward another veteran because of race, religion, gender, branch of service, type of service, rank or whether the war was actually declared.

On Veterans Day — and every day for that matter — all of us should remember that we are joined together by the bond of service that links those who have willingly given of themselves to achieve something

beyond themselves. It is an almost mystical tie that only those who know what sacrifice means can understand.

Realizing this, we who proudly wear the Cross of Malta Emblem are pledged that we will do all we can to see to it that the veterans of this country will never be forgotten by the government or the people they defended. Nor will we ever forget those who are selflessly serving now in the active forces, the reserves or the National Guard.



Adm. William Crowe, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, receives two additions to his hat collection from Commander-in-Chief Staab. One is a souvenir of Staab's Russell, Kans., Homecoming and the other one of his employer, LTV Energy Products. (Defense Department Photo)

In my acceptance speech (October issue) following my election at the end of the 87th National Convention, I set forth our goals as enunciated in the resolutions adopted by the delegates. There will be no deviation from them nor will there be any relaxation of our pressure as we work to achieve them.

So far this leadership year has been one filled with activity, even though it is only less than three months old. As we think of Veterans Day, some of my own thoughts go back to my Homecoming celebration and the enthusiasm it generated among the people of my hometown of Russell, Kans., and of nearby Hays, Kans.

This enthusiasm reflected by the nearly 500 who attended was not for me alone, but for all veterans and for the VFW and its purposes.

Sen. Bob Dole, who also comes from Russell and is a Life Member of Post 6240, my home Post, was the principal speaker at the banquet capping the four-day Homecoming.

We in the Veterans of Foreign Wars have our work cut out for us.

He said: "We are living in a real world, and when war comes, we are in it together. It is necessary to go forth with our defense plan. Liberty

is expensive, and we can't have it without cost, but I don't know of anyone willing to trade freedom for anything else."

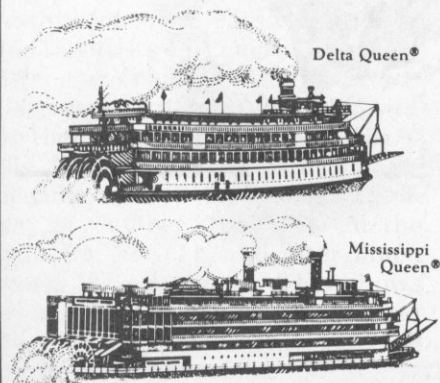
As for veterans' rights and entitlements, he recognized the problem of the federal deficit when he said interest payments on the debt have reached \$150 billion, but showed his support for veterans' needs when he said:

"I tell you we can't skip anything; we must preserve what needs to be preserved."

During the Homecoming, U.S. News & World Report Moscow correspondent Nicholas Daniloff was arrested as an American spy. No sooner had the news broken than I dispatched a telegram to President Reagan urging that further U.S.

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Soviet arms control negotiations be suspended until Daniloff is released and describing the arrest as Soviet pressure in an attempt to gain the release of a Soviet UN employee charged with espionage.

"Their success will only offer more opportunities to apply pressure against our nation, our press and our allies as well," I advised.

To enhance my understanding of current problems facing our country abroad, especially in the face of the constantly changing picture, I met with several top officials in Washington a few weeks ago.

Secretary of State George Shultz, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and Adm. William B. Crowe, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, were most helpful in their discussions.

Kenneth L. Adelman, director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, provided valuable insights into the critical issues in his area that have been on the front pages for months.

In preparation for a trip to the Pacific and Far East to assess the status of U.S. interests in that region, I met also with Gaston J. Sigur, assistant secretary of East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Later I was able to discuss veterans' issues from the VFW standpoint with VA Administrator Thomas K. Turnage.

Those two days were most productive and certainly will prove highly valuable in the weeks ahead, as we work to achieve the goals that will benefit our country's veterans.

One of the achievements we in the VFW can be most proud of was the restoration some years ago of Veterans Day to its original Nov. 11 date. After it was changed from Armistice Day, marking the end of World War I on the "11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" of 1918, it later became a three-day weekend holiday in October. The VFW led the fight for Nov. 11, and after much work, we succeeded. This shows what persistence and tenacity can do. ■

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LEGISLATIVE

Staab Speaks Out on Homeless Vets: "The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is concerned about the growing number of homeless people, especially the plight of the purported large number of homeless veterans," Commander-in-Chief Norman G. Staab, of Russell, Kans., told an HVAC subcommittee.

In support of a VFW resolution adopted by its 87th National Convention, Staab, in his testimony before Education, Training and Employment Subcommittee, called on the VA Administrator to assume the leadership role in development, coordination and implementation of programs to assist homeless veterans.

Citing the lack of adequate studies on homeless veterans, Staab said, "Much is to be done before any future effort to help this group of people can be put into effect."

Staab identified the veterans' benefits counselors, whose numbers have been significantly reduced by the VA, as key persons in working with the homeless. "Through such counselors, eligible veterans can be referred as appropriate to readjustment counseling, alcohol and drug dependence treatment programs and other medical service programs," Staab said.

The VA alcohol and drug dependence treatment program has had a high success rate in its rehabilitation efforts, he continued.

"It is now time for the appropriate agency, the Veterans Administration, to take the lead in resolving the homeless veteran issue," Staab asserted. "Now is not the time to allow the erosion of VA services. Full utilization of available services with an eye towards redistribution of government funding and talent, as needed, is of paramount importance to meet the ever increasing needs of our veteran population."

"The Veterans of Foreign Wars will continue to monitor the efforts of all government agencies charged with the responsibility of serving this nation's veterans. We stand ready to cooperate with any concentrated effort to identify and assist the homeless veteran."

In a separate move to support the effort at helping the homeless, Staab has committed the resources of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to support the Department of Labor's pilot program Jobs for Homeless Veterans being conducted in ten cities across the nation.

Korean War Memorial Moves Closer to Realization: A longstanding VFW goal, as expressed in National Convention resolutions, recently took an-

other step toward reality when the Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands approved a bill to build the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

"The Korean War Veterans Memorial has generated widespread public support which was reflected in this action," said Sen. William Armstrong (Colo.), who introduced the Korean War Memorial Bill in May of last year.

The bill, which will go to the full Senate, calls for the memorial to be erected in Washington under American Battle Monuments Commission direction. Public funding of \$1 million is authorized, and the overall cost is estimated at \$3.5 million.

Under the bill, the President would appoint an advisory board of 12 Korean War veterans to recommend a site and design to be approved by the commission.

Major Provisions of Tax Reform: Congress has finally approved long-awaited tax reform legislation. This revision is the most extensive undertaking of its kind in recent history. Virtually every family and business will be affected. Here are major provisions of the 925-page bill:

In 1987, five tax rates of 11, 15, 25, 35 and 38.5% will replace the current 15 brackets ranging from 11% to 50%. After that, there will be two stated rates of 15% and 28% and a third hidden rate of 33% on upper-income taxpayers.

Personal exemption for all taxpayers and dependents will rise from this year's \$1,080 to \$1,900 in 1987, to \$1,950 in 1988 and to \$2,000 in 1989. After that, it will increase with inflation. High-income taxpayers will not be able to take the personal exemption. The current extra exemption for elderly and blind taxpayers will be replaced by an addition to the standard deduction.

Standard deduction will be raised sharply, especially for single parents, but most of the increase will not be effective until 1988. Widely used deductions for state and local sales tax and for interest on non-mortgage loans will be repealed. The deduction for consumer-interest will be phased out over five years. Taxpayers can deduct interest on loans using their homes as security but only on amounts equal to the purchase price plus the cost of improvements. Interest on all home equity loans for medical costs and educational expenses could be deducted.

Deductions for contributors to IRAs will be fully available only to taxpayers not covered by a company pension plan and to married taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes below \$40,000 and to singles with income below \$25,000. Taxpayers with incomes up to \$10,000 more than those amounts can deduct a

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portion of IRA contributions pro-rated on income. All taxpayers can continue to earn tax-deferred interest on IRA accounts.

Workers can contribute no more than \$7,000 a year into tax deferred 401(k) savings plans. Starting in 1989, they cannot withdraw before retirement any funds other than their own contributions.

Federal workers and others with similar pension plans will pay taxes on a portion of their pensions immediately upon retirement, rather than taking the tax-exempt part of their benefits first.

Capital gains, the profits on the sale of an asset, will be taxed at the same rates as salary income.

SERVICE

VFW Says No to VA: A proposed notice in the Federal Register says the VA Inspector General was planning to extend the Computer Income Matching Program to include verifying the eligibility of certain service connected veterans to receive compensation.

The VFW will not stand still for that. The VFW views this as an attempt by the IG to create a means test for receipt of compensation which is clearly contrary to the intent of Congress.

In letters to both the VA Administrator and the appropriate official in the Office of the VA Inspector General, VFW stated its objection emphatically. The VA officials were told, in no uncertain terms, that this scheme undermines other factors applying to the rating process and was "placing service connected compensation on a needs basis rather than on the basis of average impairment in earning capacity as mandated by 38 U.S.C. 355."

The VA was told that this totally unjustified extension of the Computer Matching Program would do nothing more than "substitute a mechanical rating process based solely on matching income to disability evaluations" and "would be tantamount to developing a means test."

This excellent example of bureaucratic zeal whirling out of control reminds all veterans of the importance of the VFW's role as a watchdog over veterans' affairs.

NSLI Windfall: The VA Administrator recently announced VA plans to increase automatically the amount of existing paidup additional insurance on National Service Life Insurance (NSLI) policies. In addition, the amount of future paidup additions purchasable with annual dividends will be increased. This increased coverage will be provided at no cost to veteran policyholders and will be funded exclusively by reserves maintained in NSLI trust funds.

VA expects to implement this increased cover-

age next month. At that time, special notifications will be sent to all affected policyholders.

Under this plan, existing paidup additions will be increased initially by approximately 15%, which will result in over \$350 million of additional insurance. The increase for each individual policy will depend on the policyholder's age at the time of the update and the policyholder's particular plan of coverage. After the initial increase, the VA expects to lower the paidup additions' purchase rate to allow policyholders to obtain approximately 15% more paidup additions with the same amount of annual dividends.

SECURITY

Comprehensive Test Ban Threatens U.S.: The comprehensive test ban (CTB) being pushed in the House of Representatives overlooks one of the most ominous episodes in United States-Soviet relations, the 1958 U.S. agreement to go along with a Soviet moratorium on testing. Three years later, the Soviets abandoned the moratorium, blaming it on French nuclear tests, and immediately began a series of nuclear explosions. The series included the test of a monster nuclear warhead, the largest ever detonated.

Evidently the Russians were merely waiting for a convenient excuse to resume tests of weapons designed during the moratorium.

This historical fact suggests that a CTB really acts in reverse and increases the size of nuclear weapons and their explosive power. The nuclear powers compensate for the lack of tests by building bigger and more warheads. Thus a CTB instead of favoring the elimination of nuclear weapons would encourage their retention.

A test ban also would provide the Soviet Union with advantages over the U.S. The nuclear capability of the United States most likely would erode faster than that of the Soviet Union because this country relies considerably more on high technology in its nuclear warhead design to meet national security requirements than does the Soviet Union. This greater reliance on advance technology for safety, reliability and effectiveness translates into a greater American reliance on nuclear testing.

A CTB in the foreseeable future would not strengthen stability, but rather lead to a less secure and more dangerous world. Heart of the problem U.S. faces today in working to preserve peace and stability is not nuclear weapons testing but the large number of offensive nuclear weapons on both sides. Top U.S. priority has been and must continue to be to seek agreement on deep, equitable and effectively verifiable reductions in these weapons.

of embarkation and transporting prisoners to POW camps. Our first trip was to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., with all Italian prisoners including a general we called "Iron Whiskers."

After that were trips to Palestine, Texas, and then a 17-day round trip to Florence, Ariz., with Afrika Korps POWs. We had been told that Florence was a federal jail and until I read the article, I had never heard another word about Florence. After that trip, I transferred to the engineers and went to the ETO, from Utah beach to eventually Furth-Nurembrug. That trip to Florence was unforgettable, between the heat and slowness, and I was glad to read about someone who was stationed there. — *Robert W. Levy, 825 Sierra Vista Dr., Las Vegas, Nev. 89109.*

A Challenge

I present this information to you to equal or challenge other VFW Posts for one family active membership. The Ekdahl family now has six brothers, Arthur, Fredrick, John, Edward, Paul and Eino, who are all paid up members of the John C. Sands VFW Post 3897, L'Anse, Mich. How about hearing from other VFW Posts who can equal or beat this? — *Edward A. Ekdahl, Rt. 1, Box 139, Baraga, Mich. 49908.*

Korean Monument

In reply to John Moore's question in the September Mail Call on where is the memorial for Korea. It is coming. Felix de Weldon has introduced his concept to the Chosin Few, the organization of veterans of all services who were in the Chosin Reservoir area in November-December, 1950. The completed monument will be dedicated by the Chosin Few to all who fought and died for the freedom of South Korea, 1950-53. Further information may be obtained from the Chosin Few Monument Fund, P.O. Box 149, Oviedo, Fla. 32765. — *Dick Scheese, PO Box 16, Dugway, Utah 84022.*

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Questions About Wake

I was in the 1524th Army Air Force Base Unit. We got to Wake Island sometime in October, 1945. One of the Japanese was left there. I was told he was born and reared in the U.S., but was drafted by the Japanese when he visited his grandparents in Japan. We learned a lot from him: 98 civilian contract workers were buried in a large mound and 17 Marines in a smaller one. Just one grave had a marker on it. I was told the Japanese commander at Wake was taken to an island in the Marshalls to be tried as a war criminal, but he hanged himself while being held. If anyone knows anything further about all of this, please let me know. — *Dal R. Jordan, 627 Lena Drive, Beaumont, Texas 77706.*

The article, "Wake Remembered" (September), really touched me. I was 16 when the Japanese invaded it in 1941. I was 17 when I joined the Navy. We were enroute to invade Iwo Jima but Task Force 51 sailed clear of Wake. I always wanted to participate in the retaking of Wake, but it was bypassed.

After the war I returned to the Pacific and worked for the Federal Aviation Administration in aeronautical communications. While living on Wake in the early 1950s, I walked every inch of the island. To me it was a virtual museum. I would look, wonder and walk for hours where the brave 98 were executed. Only a wooden sign signified the location. It was a very sacred area. Later, a buddy gave me a beautiful aerial photo he took of Wake Island while on a Navy bombing mission in October, 1943. The mission was in retaliation for the senseless massacre perpetrated a few weeks before. A fitting memorial to those who fought, died and defended "Where America's Tomorrow Begins" should be erected on Wake Island. *George A. Puckett, 26 North Main St., Broken Arrow, Okla. 74728.*

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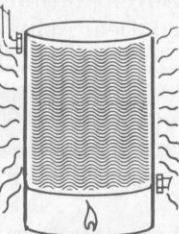
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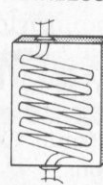
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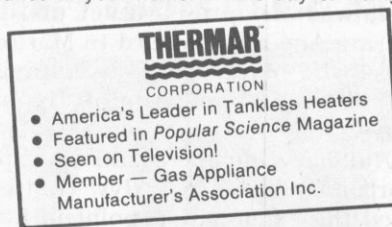


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Meeting Abigail Van Buren, author of the widely syndicated "Dear Abby" column, approving a dues increase and hearing Brian Herrera give his winning Voice of Democracy speech were three of the highlights of the 73rd National Convention held in Minneapolis.

National President Lucile Suchina presented Miss Van Buren with the Serve America Award for her 30 years of helping Americans through her "Dear Abby" column and for serving as an advocate of better mental health care and independent lifestyles for the handicapped.

Auxiliary members had many accomplishments to celebrate at this convention as National President Suchina had led her America Always Free team to new record-breaking heights. This was the 31st year of membership growth with a new high of 734,461 members and the fifth year of exceeding \$2 million in the cancer aid and research program for a total of \$2,829,866.72.

The Buddy Poppy program also broke records as the VFW and Auxiliary together sold 16,019,753 Poppies, the most since 1948. Other program achievements include a total of 3,628,122 hours served by volunteers in the VA Medical Centers, nursing homes and other hospitals; more than \$7 million spent to

help non-hospitalized veterans and their families; 210,317 personal contacts made with federal representatives, and more than 3,000 POW/-MIA programs held to bring attention to the efforts to account for all those held prisoner or missing in action in Vietnam.

In addition to their celebrations at each program achievement of the 1985-86 year, the members at the convention passed a number of resolutions. The two resolutions that will affect the most members include the approval of an increase in national membership dues to \$2.50 and a ban on smoking during meetings. Official notification of approved resolutions will be published in the Auxiliary Magazine.

Kris Ferencie, of Solon, Ohio, this year's first place Junior Girls Scholarship winner, has proven herself to be outstanding scholastically as well as in Junior Girls, school and community activities.

Marc Sutherland, of Lancaster, N.H., winner of the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Competition could not attend, but the five winning entries in this year's contest were on display throughout the convention. Fifty winning entries were judged at the national level which is more than any previous year.

Another highlight of the convention was the presentation of the Caring American Award to Marion Ross who played Marion Cunningham on the 11-year run of "Happy Days."

Auxiliary members had the opportunity to see why Ivy! Gunter used the exclamation point in her name. She makes a poignant statement to the world about what can be accomplished even after suffering hardships such as the loss of her leg to cancer. Wearing the four-inch heels doctors told her she would never be able to have on again, she was escorted into the meeting and tearfully accepted the American Spirit Award and the accompanying \$5,000 donation to the American Cancer Society.

Rear Adm. Grace Hopper, who just a few days earlier retired from the U.S. Navy after serving 43 years, could not attend the convention to receive her Unsung Heroine Award because she was hospitalized with pneumonia.

Dr. Richard Simmons accepted a \$5,000 donation to the VFW Cancer Research Center at the University of Minnesota. In addition to this grant, \$55,000 was presented throughout the year to institutions for cancer research.

On the final day, Rosemary Mazer, of East Brunswick, N.J., was elected National President. Along with the other National Officers, she was installed by VFW Past Adjutant Gen. Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr., a VFW Past Commander-in-Chief. He is from New Jersey, too.

Life Membership Changes

Delegates to the 87th National Convention in Minneapolis approved an amendment to the National By-Laws to enable eligible veterans, current and former members to become Life Members without first being members in good standing.

Action by the VFW National Council of Administration taken on Oct. 4 in Kansas City makes it easier for eligible veterans to become VFW Life Members. The council adopted a new membership application to enable Life Membership applicants to pay their Life Membership fees by either Visa or Master Charge.

In addition, the chairman and vice chairmen of the Committee on Life Membership appointed recently by Commander-in-Chief Norman G. Staab met in Kansas City Sept. 14 to discuss the details of the new program.

They were Chairman James R. Currie and Vice Chairmen Fred Weigel, Jr.; Monte D. Hanson, John A. Lutz and Americo DiLoretto, representing the Western, Big Ten, Southern and Eastern Conferences, respectively.

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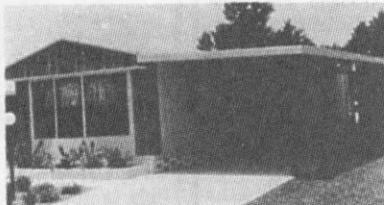
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Also taking part in the committee session were Membership Director W. Benny Bachand, Quartermaster Gen. Herbert Irwin and Assistant Quartermaster Gen. James Bowden.

In view of the success his own Post 6240 in Russell, Kans., has had in its membership growth through the recruitment of Life Members, Commander-in-Chief Norman G. Staab expressed optimism that the National Organization will have a similar experience when the new Life Membership program gets into high gear.

One of the advantages to Life Membership is that the members themselves will not have to worry about having to pay their dues each year and the Posts will not have to be concerned with collecting them.

Alluding to the importance of Life Membership, he said in his acceptance speech after his election as Commander-in-Chief:

"We are heading for our 32nd consecutive year of continued growth. This year, we have a new opportunity to expand our Life Membership program and build new strength for the VFW and its programs. We must remember our Life Members are a mainstay of the success of the Veterans of Foreign Wars."

Life Membership fees are \$200 for applicants through 30. From 31 to 40, they are \$185; from 41 to 50, they are \$165; from 51 to 60, they are \$145; from 61 to 70, they are \$115; from 71 to 80, they are \$85, and from 81 and over, they are \$50.

Any applicant whose 31st, 41st, 51st, 61st, 71st or 81st birthday will occur after the date of application and on or before Dec. 31 of the current calendar year shall pay only the fee that would be required on his next birthday.

For additional information about this new Life Membership program, contact your Post Quartermaster.

Nothing Stopped Him

When the House of Representatives voted to aid the Nicaraguan contras, Rep. George O'Brien (Ill.), a VFW member suffering from cancer, was wheeled into the House to vote for it.

Republicans as well as Democrats rose in unison to welcome Rep. O'Brien back to the House where he had served seven terms.

Then he sat back to listen to Rep. Isaac N. Skelton (Mo.) give an impassioned speech in support of aid to the contras as President Reagan requested.

That was on June 25, and the aid bill was passed, 221 to 209.

In the evening of July 17, Rep. Henry Hyde (Ill.), also a VFW member, interrupted debate on another bill to announce Rep. O'Brien's death.

VFW Souvenirs Sought

Anyone who has souvenirs, artifacts or memorabilia relating to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and does not know what to do with them should contact the Curator of the VFW Museum at VFW National Headquarters, 34th and Broadway, Kansas City, Mo. 64111.

Convention pins or badges, historical pictures, documents of various kinds, even early VFW uniforms or their accouterments, are suitable for display.

Donors should attach their names addresses to anything they send in to assure they will be recognized for their contribution or for its return in case it is not suitable.

National Publication Competition

Following are the first place winners of the 1985-86 National Publication Competition by category.

Department publications published 10-12 times annually: The California Veteran, Oren Robinson, editor; Department publications published six times annually: Gopher Overseas, John O'Neill, Jr., editor; District and County Council publications, letterpress or offset: Record, Calif. Dist. 2, Ed Staneart, editor; District and County Council publications, mimeograph: The First District News, Wisconsin, Richard Kurz, editor; Post publications, letterpress or offset: VFW Post 131 News, Lincoln, Neb., Einar Fuglesmo, editor; Post publications, mimeograph: Bugle, Post 10269, Ryukyu Islands, Okinawa, Arthur Haubrich, editor.

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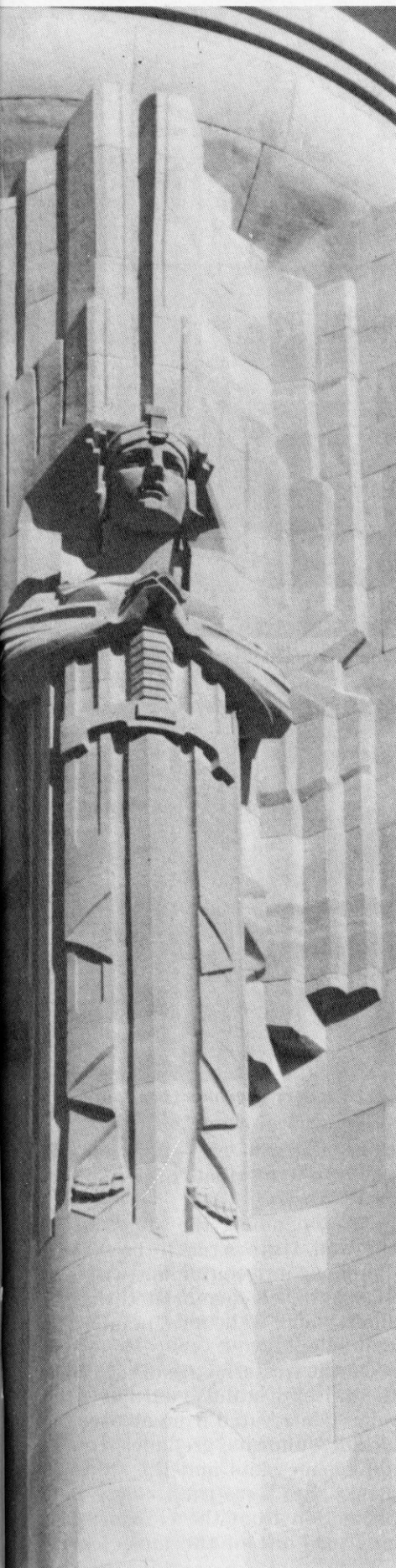
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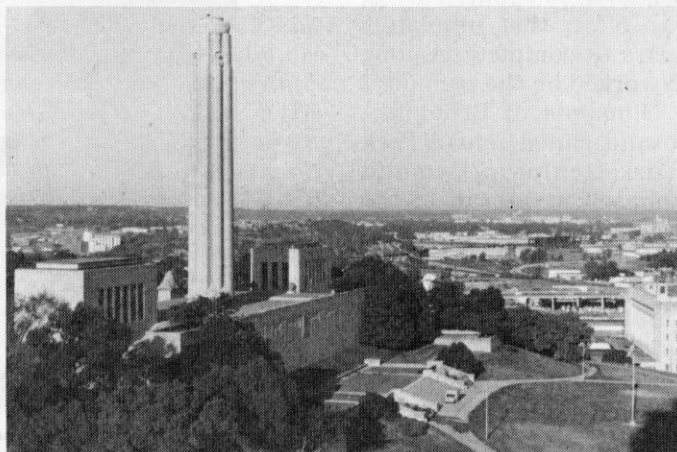
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LIBERTY MEMORIAL



By Dan Hubble

To visit the Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, the only monument and museum dedicated solely to World War I, is to touch the spirit of all veterans. Their dreams of peace and freedom, and the cost, are locked in the stone, steel and concrete of the Liberty Memorial.

"It is a monument to all veterans and even to peace movements," says Joseph J. Oshiver, a spokesperson for the American Institute of Architects Kansas City Chapter and who often conducts tours of the memorial. "I think it's because it speaks so eloquently of the terrors of war and the glories of peace."

It's been nearly 70 years since two million American Doughboys trudged off to the trenches of France, and into the first war between completely industrialized nations. That new mechanized warfare would leave 112,432 Americans dead and another 230,074 wounded. Total casualties of the belligerents in the war that raged from 1914 to 1918 were 37.5 million.

To ensure the sacrifice of those who died would be remembered, the citizens of Kansas City in 1919 began a drive to establish a memorial that would be as monumental as the war

had been.

In just 10 days, 83,000 citizens contributed \$2,051,506 to erect the memorial. After two years of planning, the dedication of the monument's 33-acre site, Nov. 1, 1921, became an event of international

Tribute to The Great War

stature. Present were the military leaders of the five allied nations of World War I: Marshal Ferdinand Foch, of France; Adm. Sir David Beatty, of Great Britain; Lt. Gen. Baron Jacques, of Belgium; Gen. Armando Diaz, of Italy, and of course, Gen. John J. (Black Jack) Pershing, of the United States, as well as other dignitaries.

"They never met during the war," says Mark Beveridge, curator of the monument's museum. "And as far as we know, they never met again."

The cornerstone was laid on Nov. 9, 1924. Then, on Armistice Day, 1926, 150,000 people gathered to listen to President Calvin Coolidge and Secretary of War Dwight F. Davis, deliver addresses as the memorial officially opened.

Since then, Beveridge estimates, a quarter of a million people per year have come to pay homage to the Doughboys.

Before the monument was com-

pleted, some of the best known artists of the time would contribute to the massive effort that ultimately took 15 years to complete. Among those who worked on the memorial were the Olmsteds of Brookline, Mass., who landscaped Central Park in New York; sculptor Edmond Amateis, himself a veteran of the war; the well-known painter Daniel MacMorris; the architectural firm of White and White (which later would do the Kansas City City Hall and the internationally known Nelson Art Gallery) and H. Van Buren Magonigle, the main architect, who was called a genius by the *Journal of the American Institute of Architects* for his work.

A total of 302,000 cubic feet of concrete, 609,000 pounds of reinforcing steel and 116,159 cubic feet of limestone were used to shape the monument's frieze, buildings, tower and sculptures.

All that can be said about war and its veterans is embodied in the memorial's design.

Magonigle's design, replacing the curved lines of the then popular Art Nouveau style with the straight lines of the Art Deco style, was a look to the future, Oshiver says, yet the timelessness of the war and the dreams of peace are projected through the tradition of architecture that can be traced to the ancient Egyptians embodied in the two sphinxes that guard the southern entry of the memorial. The horror of war is symbolized by the sphinx representing Memory, which faces east towards the battlefields of France. Its face is covered in grief and sorrow by its wings. Across the courtyard, another sphinx, denoting the Future, faces west, the traditional direction of hope in America.

From the north, visitors first pass the low dedication wall with the busts of the five allied military leaders; then, after climbing up the stone steps and strolling along the curving



This display is devoted to aerial warfare artifacts.



Protected with gas masks, a Doughboy and a German confront one another.

walk at the edge of the lawn sprinkled with poppies, and under tall shade trees, they approach Amateis's frieze, not completed until 1936.

The frieze, 148 feet long and 18 feet high, represents a movement away from war and towards peace in a series of figures. Viewed from left to right, the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse lead a group of soldiers towards figures of casualties and mourners. The center motif depicts the Armistice, followed by figures offering welcome, and representing the sanctity of the home. The last panels express the aspira-

tions of all soldiers — peace and its bounty—by symbols of agriculture and industry.

After climbing the steps beside the wall, visitors reach the 600-by-154-foot court, containing two buildings and the memorial tower, or shaft, which is the focal point of the monument.

On the western edge of the court, the museum stands guard over the relics contributed from all over the world. Uniforms, grenades, trench knives, messkits and the thin gas masks that were the soldiers' only protection from the choking, gagging gas, one of the most fearful

aspects of the war, along with hundreds of pictures and other artifacts remind visitors of the soldier's life at the front.

For the soldier perhaps no experience was quite so harrowing as the constant artillery bombardments, some lasting weeks without let-up. The museum's collection of artillery includes a German heavy howitzer and a 7.7 cm field gun, as well as the only known Austrian 8 cm field gun in this country. Other artillery pieces include a 10.5 cm field gun captured at the Argonne, and one of the first guns sent back to America as a war trophy, and the 7.6 cm light minenwerfer trench mortar.

"What's unusual about that piece is that it's on a flat trajectory carriage and was one of the first anti-tank guns," Beveridge says.

On the smaller side is the acquisition of an MP18-I submachine gun, the first of its kind in the world, that was initially used during the Great War.

A recent addition to the collection is a mule-drawn ambulance used by the Americans. Artillery, machine guns and grenades often tore up the terrain to such a degree that in many cases mechanized ambulances were unable to get to the frontlines to evacuate the wounded, thus the need for the mule-drawn ambulances.

In addition to the momentos, the museum also contains a replica of an underground command center used at the front. Complete with the sounds of artillery and machine gun fire, the flash of enemy fire and yells of soldiers preparing "to go over the top," the display transports the museum visitor back to those last few grim minutes of many of the Doughboys.

Across from the museum, on the east side of the court, is Memory Hall. Four immense murals, the most famous a 69-foot long condensation of the Pantheon de la Guerre, deco-

rate the walls. The original painting by 120 French artists was reduced to 1/16 of its original size by Daniel MacMorris, one of America's premier artists. MacMorris also painted the murals, "Women In War," a tribute to women who served on the front, and a rendition commemorating the site's dedication. MacMorris also restored the mural "In Memoriam," done by Jules Guerin and depicts the figures of Victory surrounded by the war's destruction, symbolized by the ruins of the Cathedral of Rheims.

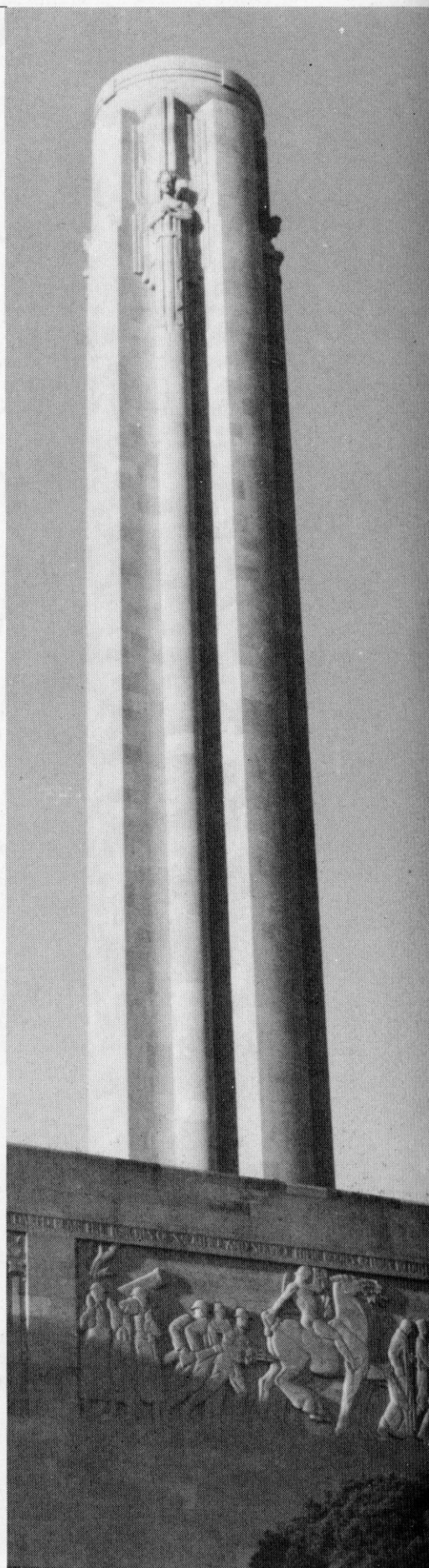
Beneath the murals, a series of 35 maps depicts the movements of American troops from their entrance into the war to its end. On each side of the door is a solemn reminder of the war's cost. The names of the 440 men and one woman from Kansas City who died in the war are listed on four bronze tablets under the simple heading of "We Are The Dead."

Outside, the Memorial tower rises 217 feet (21 stories) skyward in honor of all those who served.

The tower is guarded by four, 40-foot spirits, Honor, Courage, Patriotism and Sacrifice. Above them are the Flame of Inspiration and the Altar of Sacrifice. There, steam and spotlights combine to give the impression of a flame burning in memory of those who sacrificed their lives in the cause of freedom.

For a 50-cent fee, visitors can ride an elevator to the top for a panoramic view of Kansas City. From there, with the noise of the city muffled, it is difficult to imagine the noise and confusion that rocked the ground in France so long ago and buried men alive by the hundreds, even thousands, killing and maiming countless others.

Looking out over the peaceful setting of trees and lawns, visitors are left to ponder the meaning and rewards of the sacrifices of all veterans. ■



Let's Build Korean Memorial

What do Korean War veterans, World War II veterans and Vietnam War veterans and persons with no military service think of a national monument to those who served in Korea?

To find out, John H. Young of Rhinelander, Wis., a Korean War veteran himself and now a student at the University of Minnesota, Morris, interviewed two of each in connection with his studies at Willmar, Minn., Community College. Here are his findings.

In the preface, Young explains:

"As I am a Korean War veteran, I am highly interested in seeing the Korean War veterans honored the same as the veterans of other wars in which the United States has been involved.

"I consider that the sacrifices made by members of the Armed Forces who served in Korea equally important, especially those who gave their all, and I dedicate this report to them."

Young asked the six three questions that included the Korean veterans' entitlement, whether a memorial would be timely and the extent to which the veterans' efforts were considered patriotic and a contribution to preserving democracy.

Each of those interviewed was told that memorials and monuments have been erected honoring World War II and Vietnam War veterans, but other than having a representative in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, none to Korean veterans on the scale of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

[It should be noted, however, that in numerous communities, additions to monuments to veterans of earlier wars were made to include Korean War veterans and later Vietnam veterans. Apparently, however, the only one dedicated solely to Korean veter-



ans is the one erected by Post 4325 in Mattoon, Ill., last July 27, the 33rd anniversary of the Korean truce. The Second Division Flaming Sword Monument on the Ellipse near the White House in Washington, erected originally to honor WWI veterans, has two wings now as memorials to WWII and Korean veterans of the unit.]

Interviewed were Ray Alkire and Russell Olson, Korean veterans; Dennis Carstens and Norm Decker, Vietnam War veterans; Diane Fredrickson and Greg Reuss, no military service, and Joseph Walsh and Dale Wright, WWII veterans.

The first question was:

"Do you feel the Korean veterans should be entitled to the same honor, a memorial or monument, and why?"

Alkire: "Yes, we all fought for the same cause. Our values were the same."

Carstens: "You bet, they were sent by their government to do a job, therefore that government should recognize their contribution."

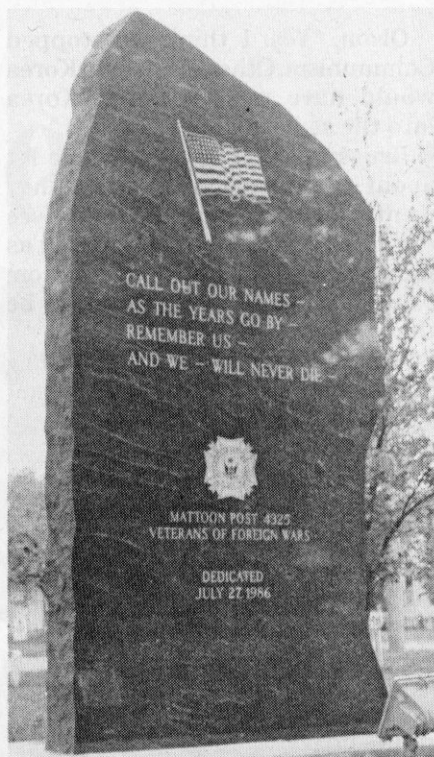
Decker: "Hell yes, they were treated like s..., the same as the Vietnam vets. Both wars were treated as police actions. People died over there."

Fredrickson: "No, I don't believe the government should be spending money on everybody's cause. If the government would dedicate some new defense system to them, I would be all for that. But to spend money from an already stressed economy, I say no."

Olson: "Yes, I think so, we lost buddies over there; we went through hell the same as the others."

Reuss: "Yes, because it's only right that if the others have a monument, Korean vets should have one too. They served their country too."

Walsh: "Yes, it has been customary for all the veterans to be honored so, from the Revolutionary War on. Even the Civil War has monuments,



This monument to the 17 from Coles County, Ill., who were killed in the Korean War is thought to be the only one in the U.S. honoring solely Korean War veterans. It was erected by Post 4325, Mattoon, Ill., and dedicated July 27, the 33rd anniversary of the Korean truce.

plaques, and it was hard to pick sides for that."

Wright: "Yes, they should. They were equally as important as the other two."

The second question:

Don't you feel it is time that Korean veterans have their own memorial, that they take their place with the others? There are bills in Congress to that effect now.

Alkire: "Yes, we are equal as Americans. Whatever they called the war, Korea or Vietnam, it was somebody else's battle; there is still fighting going on. The only place we have been mentioned is in the rolls of the VFW."

Carstens: "You bet, I'm in favor of that bill. I have called all the Repre-

sentatives from this area and expressed my opinion that the Korean vets be recognized. Not because I approve of the government's actions concerning Korea, but because the vets did what their government told them to do, and they should be recognized."

Decker: "Their only monument is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Yes, they should have something; they served and died for their country."

Fredrickson: "I didn't agree with the monument for Vietnam vets in the first place. To build this big wall to sit out in the weather that will have to be taken care of and some day torn down also will overburden the economy and the economy of our children to come. We have too many demanding economic situations to waste our money on monuments. It could be more wisely spent other places. I mean funding for college, welfare and aid for households headed by a single female parent have been cut, and we have a huge deficit."

Olson: "It's time for them to have their monument. The House should pass the bill now."

Reuss: "If there are enough of them wanting it, yes. If enough of them want it, let them have it."

Walsh: "Certainly, sure, in view of the fact that every other soldier has had his means of identification."

Wright: "Yes, timely now. They have almost been forgotten because of the publicity of Vietnam."

The third question:

Do you feel that Korean veterans contributed as much towards preserving democracy as the World War II and Vietnam veterans did, and do you think as much patriotism was exhibited?

Alkire: "I guess you can't make a comparison with the number of lives lost, but maybe you can. There was a difference between the wars. World War II soldiers were drafted. In my

VFW Endorses Korean Memorial

experience, Korea had mostly volunteers, and the ones for Vietnam were drafted. We all came from different generations so we all have different outlooks. The guys for Vietnam thought why should we fight others' battles. I was willing to volunteer for Korea, and I have no regrets that I did."

Carstens: "Definitely. They died; they did what was asked of them. They were asked to do a job, and they did it. The vets exhibited patriotism, but I don't think our country recognized their patriotism like they did the World War II vets."

Decker: "Yes, definitely yes. Very simply, young people were drafted and died over there — they weren't asked. The problems began in 1966-1967 because young people began to question what the United States' role over there was."

Fredrickson: "Yes, definitely. Anytime a democracy is threatened in the world I think we as a free country should help preserve the rest of the free world. Yes, their government called and they answered. That is true patriotism."

Olson: "Yes. I think we stopped Communism. Otherwise North Korea would have pushed South Korea into the sea. No doubt about it."

Reuss: "I don't know a whole lot about the Korean vets, but if they went over there and put their lives on the line, yes, they contributed as much as the others. In my opinion, sometimes the unsung hero may be the greatest one."

Walsh: "They certainly did. They did their part, especially patriotism."

Wright: "Yes, as individuals there was patriotism."

On the basis of this study, Young says, "It appears that a majority of people feel that the time is right for the Korean veterans to have a memorial of their own. All the veterans interviewed were in favor of a monument. Only a small portion of non-veterans were surveyed, but 50% of those were in favor. I find that this shows my views coincide with those of the other veterans: that the men and women who served in Korea should be honored. Robert Leckie in

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Delegates to the 87th National Convention held in Minneapolis reaffirmed the organization's endorsement of a national memorial to veterans of the Korean War.

The organization adopted Resolution 301, which noted that memorials and monuments have been erected to honor veterans of all the wars of the century in which the United States has participated except the Korean War, adding:

"These men and women gave of their freedom and endured pain and suffering as a result of this service, and a national memorial has not been constructed to recognize the service by those Americans..."

In the resolved section, the delegates agreed that "an appropriate memorial be created in Washington, D.C., to recognize the service of the men and women who served during the Korean War."

This has been a longstanding VFW goal, as formulated in similar resolutions for the past several years. ■

Pray for Dead Of Korean War

Allied veterans of the Korean War from 16 nations will reunite in thought for a global prayer of remembrance for their dead of the so-called forgotten war on Dec. 7, at 10 a.m., EST.

"We plan a moment of prayer felt and heard around the world," said retired Navy Capt. Thomas J. Hudner, Jr., of Concord, Mass., organizer of the "memorial in the cathedral of our minds."

Awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism as a fighter pilot in the war,

he is an officer of the Chosin Few that reunites the survivors of the 1950 battle of the Chosin Reservoir fought in North Korea near Manchuria.

He said the association plans the prayer as an annual event the first Sunday of every December at the same hour. It is notifying allied veterans through the news media in their countries.

The global prayer was initiated at a breakfast service in Boston and will be led by retired Army Lt. Col.

George H. Ziegler, a Marine enlisted rifleman in the Chosin battle who is now an ordained minister.

"Our thoughts will be with all the allied dead," Hudner said, "but especially with the 54,246 Americans who died, the 8,177 still missing in action and the 389 still officially listed as prisoners of war."

The allies fought for and won the freedom of the Republic of Korea during the three-year war which began June 25, 1950, and ended by armistice July 27, 1953. ■

Always a Soldier and VA Volunteer

By Ethel K. Davis



Three days a week the door of the VA hospital in Albany, N.Y., swings open to welcome a small, vibrant bundle of sunshine. Yes, William J. Kelly brings sunshine into the lives of all he touches.

In the VA hospital and the local nursing homes, the patients, to whom he fondly refers to as his "boys," welcome his friendly Irish smile and his firm, warm handshake. For some of these boys, he is their only link with the outside world. He is like a cup of morning coffee to them. His firm grasp extended to a sightless boy is returned by a smiling face.

He makes sure they know America has not forgotten they served their country and they are loved and respected.

What is so special about this work? Well, at 88, he still drives a 50-mile

round-trip three days a week to work at the VA hospital unless his old car needs repairs, and he can't make it.

Bill was born of Irish immigrant parents in New York City. He struggled and fought through his boyhood days on the streets of New York's Eastside. As soon as he was old enough, he tried to enlist in World War I, but he did not meet the weight standards. Determined to join, he followed the recruiting officer's advice of eating plenty of bananas. Then he reported back for a weigh-in to prove he weighed enough. On a tremendously happy day for him, he was sworn in as a soldier in the United States Army.

To this day he proudly wears his uniform, if only on Memorial Day in an open car at the local parade.

Bill refused promotion to ser-

geant, preferring to remain one of the boys. He was so lonesome for Army life after the Armistice that he re-enlisted. He laughs as he tells how he asked to be sent to the Philippines with the cavalry and wound up at Fortress Ehrenbreitstein in Germany as a machine gunner, for duty in the Army of Occupation.

Kelly had served in Co. B, 103rd Machine Gun Bn., 26th Division, in battle from Feb. 9, 1918 until Nov. 11, 1918.

Wounded in Belleau Wood, July 18, 1918, he was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart, along with special recognition from his division commander for gallant and meritorious service on May 13, 1918.

After his discharge in 1922, he worked aimlessly at odd jobs until settling in upstate New York and marrying.

Forty years of service to American veterans will be marked Nov. 20 to 23 by the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C.

While VAVS participants can look back to their four decades, the major concerns in the four days of seminars and workshops will be more effective utilization of volunteers and health-care for aging veterans.

From the beginning of VAVS, the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary have been a major source of support.

In the 1985 fiscal year, the VFW was represented by 5,619 members on a regular, scheduled VAVS assignment. They contributed 845,657 hours of work. This is a 4.4% increase

over the previous fiscal year.

For the same period, a total of 7,689 Ladies Auxiliary members were VA volunteers. They gave 792,271 volunteer hours of work. The 7,689 represent an increase for FY 1985 of 2%.

Overall, VA volunteers from the large number of organizations that take part gave 12.2 million hours of work in the VA medical system.

The 40th anniversary will be marked in connection with the VAVS national advisory committee annual meeting at the hotel. Frederico Juarbe, Jr., VFW National Service Officer and director of the VFW National Veterans Service, and Robert O'Toole, field representative, represent the organization on the

committee.

As one of the earliest organizations to be part of the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service, the VFW will be honored at the session.

In addition, the name of the recipient of the James E. Parke Memorial Award will be announced. This was established in 1971 as part of the VAVS 25th anniversary to honor its founder who set out in 1946 with the assistance of veterans' organizations and other service groups to help hospitalized veterans when the emphasis was on World War II veterans. The influx strained the VA's capability to provide care by its regular staff in its hospitals.

The Parke Memorial will go to a

A heavy, somber silence hung over Bill's home on that Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7, 1941, when Japan struck Pearl Harbor. Despite having four children, he tried to enlist and fight once more for his country. Crushed because the Army wouldn't take him, he threw himself into defense work. After driving 25 miles to put in a full eight-hour shift at a steel mill, he'd go directly to the Watervliet Arsenal and put in another shift. If he couldn't join in defending his country, he'd make the guns — and that is exactly what he did throughout the entire war.

In 1973 his marriage of almost 50 years ended with the death of his wife Ethel. Missing her pushed him to keep busy. Again he turned to the military by volunteering time at the VA hospital.

In his daily visits there, he checks to see if his boys are up to date on the latest benefits available, if they need anything to make their stay more pleasant or to just talk. Bill is always ready for a chat. A strong advocate of visits, Bill keeps commanders of local veterans' organizations informed if one of their members is a patient. This is important when someone has travelled a long way, and his family cannot get into see him very often. Everybody hails Bill as he treads the miles of hospital corridors. As his day draws to a close, shrapnel in his weary legs is a constant reminder of Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel and Belleau Wood. Tired but content, he heads his old car towards Dormansville in the foot-

hills of the Helderberg Mountains

Bill's first association with the Veterans of Foreign Wars was when he joined Post 536 in Flushing, L.I., N.Y. In this active Post he was Officer of the Day, Chaplain, Jr. Vice Commander, Sr. Vice Commander and Commander in 1935-36. He was also instrumental in forming a Cadet Corps of sons of the VFW members. He enjoyed this immensely since he had two daughters. (I know because I am one of them).

After his term of office was up, his

drives to attend meetings gave him the idea of starting up a Post close by. This was done by organizing Dormansville Post 8997 where he served as Service Officer. A lack of enthusiasm by returning veterans forced disbandment of the newly-formed Post. He then transferred to Post 3185 in Delmar, N.Y., where he is currently Service Officer. Proudly, he has received his 60-year VFW pin and is a Life Member. Recently the New York Department of Veterans of World War I honored him with a



When he was New York Department Service Officer, Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Earl L. Stock presented William J. Kelly a New York VFW Merit Award for 10,600 hours of VA volunteer work.

wife's health necessitated a move to upstate New York to live in the country. So he transferred to Post 770 in Catskill, where he served as Jr. Vice Commander and Sr. Vice Commander. Once settled in his new home, he found Albany was closer and transferred to Post 36. The long

Merit Award for 10,600 hours of volunteer service at the Albany VA hospital.

Bill's life revolves around the VA and his boys. There's nothing he enjoys more than scurrying at

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youth volunteer from names submitted by VA medical center directors.

According to 1985 figures, 7,700 young persons — that is, a volunteer under 19 — take part in the VAVS program.

Several VFW members have been honored by the medical centers where they volunteer for their thousands of hours of service, and some of them may be at the 40th anniversary event.

Probably the one with the longest record of service is a Ladies Auxiliary member, who volunteered to help 64 years ago at the Ft. Lyon, Colo., VA Medical Center when it was a Navy tuberculosis hospital. She is Gladys Baker, now 87. She

began by bringing soup to the patients.

One VFW member, Joseph Cambria, a volunteer at the Brooklyn VAMC, has contributed 50,000 hours.

Recognition for more than 30,000 hours has gone to four VFW members. They are Edmund Rosenzweig, Miami VAMC; Hyman Prager, Manhattan VAMC (N.Y.); John Snow, Palo Alto, Calif., VAMC, and Edward Christensen, Saginaw, Mich., VAMC.

Six VFW members have been honored for 20,000 hours of service. They are Ted Clawitter, Amarillo, Tex., VAMC; Don Petrone, Brooklyn VAMC (N.Y.); Edwin Moulson, Ft. Meade, S.D., VAMC; Michael Plopis, Manhattan VAMC; Rex Lamping,

Roseburg, Ore., VAMC, and Clement Ponzillo, West Haven, Conn., VAMC.

Two other VFW members have been honored for being VAVS volunteers from the very beginning of the program. They are Ira Coutermarsh, White River Junction, Vt., VAMC, and William Stewart, Nashville VAMC.

Under its charter, the VAVS national advisory committee chairman works for the Veterans Administration. He is Mansell Piper, director of administration in the Department of Medicine and Surgery. ■

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Christmastime, shopping for socks, cigarettes or other gifts for his boys. The Fourth of July is another big event for him. Filled with the excitement of a small boy, he and other WWI veterans bag over 40 dozen doughnuts, two to a bag, as their contribution to this special day. Any big celebration at the Albany VA will find Bill involved up to his ears. He is fast becoming a legend at the Albany VA hospital.

Bill's work is not only at the local VA. He has been to Ireland to check on Americans now living there to see that they are up to date on available VA benefits. He also traveled to visit his granddaughter, stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. The Army TV station there taped an interview, comparing his Army life with today's.

Bill says maybe in three or four years he will retire, then he will get a puppy and take it a little easy.

More Bill Kellys bringing sunshine into this old world would make it a much brighter, happier place in which to live.

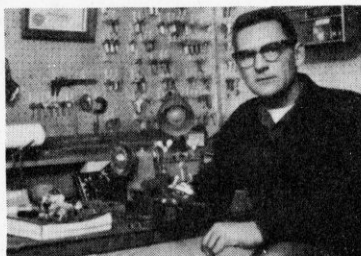
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his 'Conflict: The History of the Korean War,' states that an estimated 136,528 American troops were listed either dead or wounded and missing. Furthermore, according to Leckie, 131 Medals of Honor were awarded to the United States Armed Forces during the Korean War. Surely this type of bravery, valor and outstanding service deserve a more worthy tribute than so far has been shown."

He adds:

"There has been a lot of publicity about Vietnam, and I certainly don't want to belittle the efforts and sacrifices made by our troops there, but I can recall very little griping about not being honored in the first few years after the cease fire took place by those who served in Korea, the second most unpopular war."



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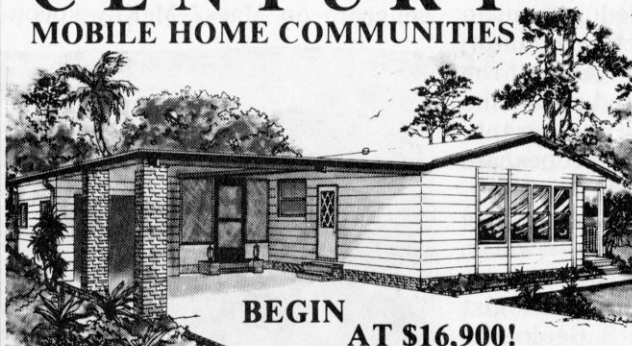
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Life on Mars? NASA Says Maybe

By Linda Blum

Ice-covered lakes on ancient Mars may have provided a medium capable of supporting the evolution of life, NASA scientists say.

Lakes thought to have pooled in canyons on early Mars may have been rich in essential gases, remaining liquid and relatively warm despite sub-freezing air temperatures, research suggests.

NASA researchers have studied Earth's own ice-covered Antarctic lakes to find similarities to these Martian lakes.

A surprising, complex ablation process which keeps the Antarctic lakes relatively warm could also have trapped heat and concentrated dissolved gases in the Martian lakes, according to astrophysicist Christopher McKay and biologist Robert Wharton, of NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif.

Viking photographs indicate that huge lakes formed in the Valles Marineris, a 3,000-mile-long canyon system near the Martian equator, during the first billion years of the planet's history. Layered sediments from the canyon floors, photographed by the Viking space probes, appear flat-lying and constant in thickness over large areas, suggesting they were laid down in liquid water. "It's an almost inescapable conclusion," says planetary geologist Michael Carr, of the U.S. Geological Survey.

These sediments provide the only evidence for standing bodies of water on Mars. (There is much evidence for flowing water on the Martian surface in dry channels resembling riverbeds.) The Antarctic research could explain why the canyon lakes were not frozen solid — how the water could have remained liquid beneath an ice cover — on early Mars. While early Mars is believed to have been warmer than the planet is today, it would still have been below freezing, scientists be-

lieve.

Since liquid water is thought to be a precondition for life, protected enclaves as the Valles Marineris lakes may have been the most promising places for life to have evolved on Mars.

These lakes would be a "very exciting possibility for the early development of life on Mars," says Harold Klein, chief of life detection for the Viking Mars missions.

"It's quite conceivable there are microfossils in the [lakebed] sediments," McKay says.

Most scientists believe that life would evolve most readily in a warm, clement environment, as on early Earth.

McKay, however, points out that pre-biological molecules, the complex organic compounds necessary to form life, are more stable at cooler temperatures.

"Perhaps it was easier for life to generate on Mars," McKay specu-

lates.

If life ever did generate on Mars, it would probably have been destroyed billions of years ago when Mars cooled and lost much of its atmosphere, according to McKay. "It's highly unlikely life could exist on Mars today," McKay says.

The Antarctic lakes studied by the NASA group are in a frigid, arid environment, conditions which may have prevailed on early Mars. The Antarctic lakes are "the closest analog on Earth to the Martian paleolakes," says Steven Squyres, of Cornell University, who has studied the Viking images of the canyon sediments.

The lakes, covered by 10-15 feet of ice, are in the Antarctic "dry valleys," an area drier than the Gobi desert, receiving less than 10 centimeters precipitation per year.

While temperatures outside the lakes average minus 20 C (minus 4 F), the lakes maintain stable year-



round temperatures above freezing, McKay says. Lake Vands, the warmest of the seven lakes studied, reaches temperatures of 25 C (77 F), according to McKay and Wharton.

A two-step ablation process effectively traps heat in the lakes. Heat is carried in by glacial meltstreams which feed the lakes in summer. Throughout the year (at a rate of about three feet annually), ice is lost

through ablation from the top surface. As the top ice sublimates (goes directly from a solid to a gas), water beneath the ice layer freezes, releasing heat into the liquid water below, which thus stays relatively warm.

The ice cover also traps solar heat through insulation, an effect which provides about 50% as much heat as the ablation mechanism.

By throttling gas exchange with the atmosphere, the thick ice cover also causes supersaturation of gases in the upper levels of the lake. As the water freezes beneath the ice layer, dissolved gases, carried in by the meltstreams, are forced back into the liquid water beneath. Oxygen levels three times normal and nitrogen levels one and a half times normal have been measured by McKay and Wharton.

Concentration of nitrogen would be particularly important for the possible generation of life on Mars, since the planet is now nitrogen-

deficient and may have been in the past, according to McKay. Organisms use nitrogen for synthesizing proteins necessary for most life processes.

Life in the Antarctic lakes consists primarily of single-celled plants and micro-organisms, descendants of organisms deposited by winds when the lakes formed 100,000 to 200,000 years ago.

The organisms — algae, protozoa, bacteria and fungi — live in difficult conditions: the high-latitude lakes receive four months of continuous sunlight, four months of twilight and four months of darkness per year. Even during the brief Antarctic summer, less than 3% of the sunlight available for photosynthesis penetrates the ice cover, the scientists say.

Stromatolites, layered fossils created by the accretion over thousands of years of algal remains and trapped sediments, are found on the lake bottoms. These stromatolites — first discovered by Wharton and colleagues at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1979 — are the only modern stromatolites found in a cold-water environment.

Stromatolites are among the oldest fossils known, some dating back 3.8 billion years to when life may first have originated on Earth. Today stromatolites are forming only in extreme environments such as salt flats and hot streams where metazoan predators are not found.

The Antarctic stromatolites suggest some ancient stromatolites could have formed in colder waters than had been previously believed, Wharton says.

Studying the differences between modern warm-water and cold-water stromatolites and comparing these to ancient stromatolites may provide clues to the type of climate that prevailed in the distant past, Wharton says. ■

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Stromatolites illustrated by Gray Ginther.

He's Fighting for His Life Now

By Roger Kasa



On Aug. 3, Craig Keller's Pierre, S.D., Teener baseball team defeated Aberdeen to win the state Class AA baseball title, the first for South Dakota's capital city in 20 years.

(Post 2038 in Pierre and Post 17 in Aberdeen participate in the sponsorship of the two teams.)

That victory enabled the 21-year-old cancer-stricken coach to realize a prediction he had made earlier to his doctors in Rochester, Minn.

While undergoing a chemotherapy treatment at the Mayo Clinic last July, Keller confidently told his doctors his team would win the title.

To win it, Pierre was faced with a big task. Aberdeen had mastered Pierre five straight times during the regular season.

Trailing 3-2 after three innings, Pierre then took control of the game and went on to win, 11-5.

Now the University of South Dakota student has made another prediction. He's going to win his battle against cancer.

Keller, the son of Gary and Patty Keller, of Pierre, underwent surgery June 5, shortly after the 1986 baseball season got under way. He remained in Rochester 1½ weeks, returning to resume his coaching duties after undergoing his first chemotherapy treatment.

That was it until after the state tournament ended in Sioux Falls on Aug. 3. The next day, Keller went back for more chemotherapy but was sent home because he had developed a fever and the doctors

wouldn't start the treatment.

He made three trips to Rochester before he finally was able to undergo the treatment.

"He was kind of bummed out about it," Mrs. Keller said. "He was worried that the delay would hurt his chances of getting well again."

Finally, on Aug. 22 he got the treatment, a procedure that takes five days and nights to complete.

He returned home Aug. 27 and "is in good spirits," his mother said.

Mrs. Keller said the illness "has really been hard" on the Keller family.

But, she added, "he has been so positive about it all that he keeps the rest of us going."

Keller said he didn't think his illness was a factor in his team's success.

"It threw them for a loop," he said of his announcement to the players. "No, I don't think it was a factor. There was just too much talent on this team."

He said after he told his players about the illness "they were pretty loose. They joked about it and helped to keep me going."

Raue said Keller's illness probably motivated the players, but he added: "They were a good team."

Raue said when Keller told the players about his illness, he said: "It's going to be hard."

Craig's mother said her son came home from the team's first game on June 2 full of enthusiasm about his team.

"He had high hopes for them right from the start," she said. "He felt once they had their pitching down, they would really be salty."

She continued: "The next morning, they were to leave for Yankton for another doubleheader. However, Craig woke up with severe chest

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pains, and I took him to the emergency room where the doctor thought he probably had pleuresy. But the X-ray showed multiple lesions. The next day we left for Rochester."

When Keller returned to resume his coaching duties, he sat down with his team and explained where he had been and why.

Because of his illness, Keller was given an assistant, Scott Raue, who also served as the coach of the B team.

"It was kind of neat," said player Steve Schneider. "We had some difficulty coping with his illness, but that gave us two young coaches who really cared about us."

Schneider said his coach's announcement "made us all a little closer. We had something to play for and we wanted to make his prediction come true."

Keller's illness had been diagnosed as embryonal cancer. Following the surgery, he returned to Rochester on July 8 for five more days of chemotherapy.

"I don't think I could have made it through the summer if it hadn't been for the players on that team," Keller said.

When he was on the baseball diamond, Keller recalled that the players helped him to keep his mind on the game.

"I owe them so much," he said.

Keller wants to coach the Pierre Teener team again next summer, but he did not go back to college this fall on the advice of his doctors. The chemotherapy treatments were scheduled through October.

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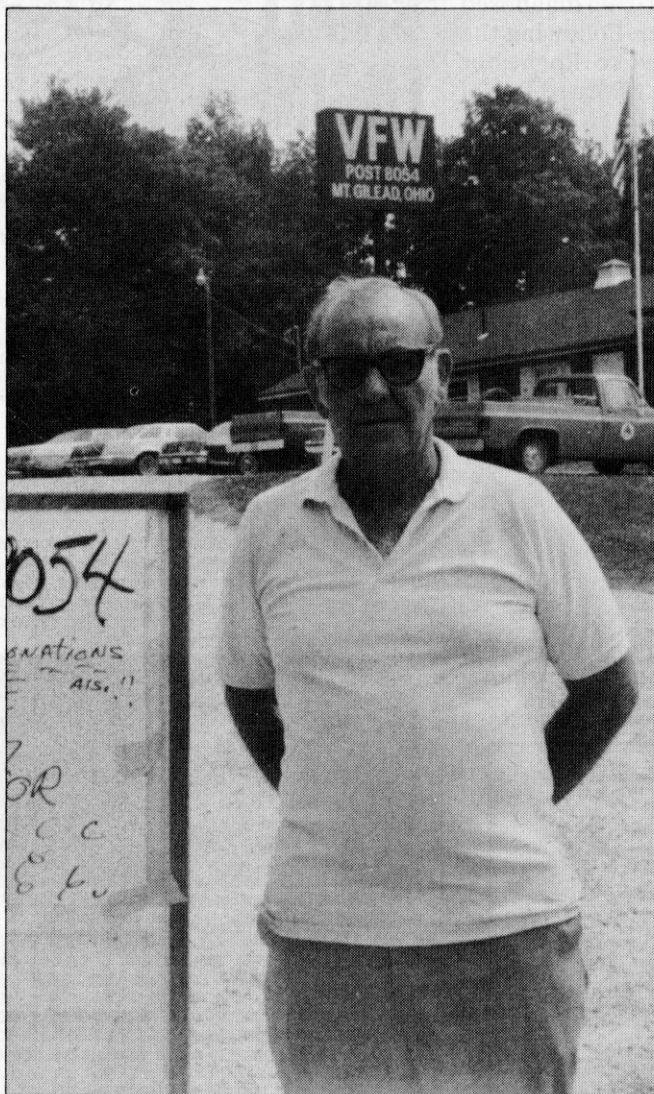
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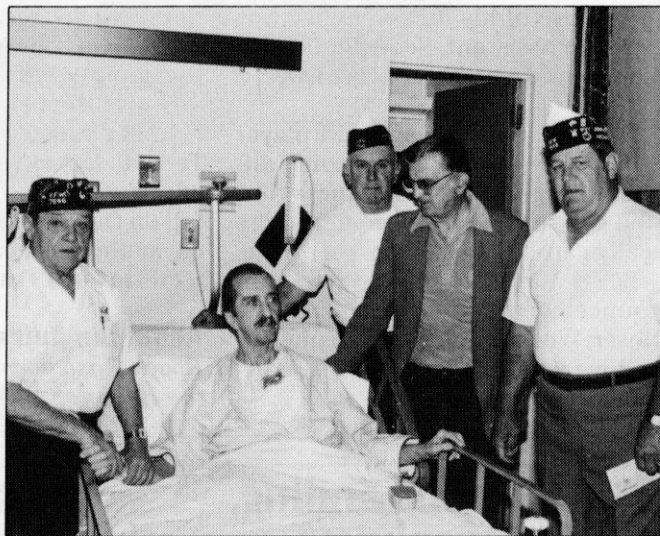
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A \$5,000 check is presented to John Skladzien, a member of Post 7546, Dearborn Heights, Mich., whose legs were amputated. Making the presentation are Post Commander Art Salesky, right, and committee members, Wally Gruchala, George Czarnecki and Ben Benton.

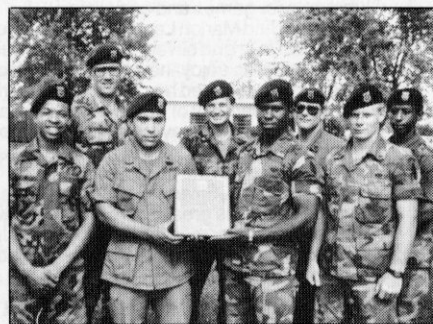
Post 8054, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, recently held a food drive to aid the needy at Christmas. Shown is Post Commander Chester Rizer at the Post home collection point.



Officers and members of Post 3478, Colville, Ohio, hold up the flag the Post donated to the city. In front row are Post Adj. Robert Rullins, Commander Edward Wigal and Mayor Howard Russell.

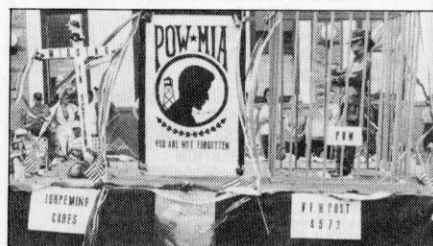
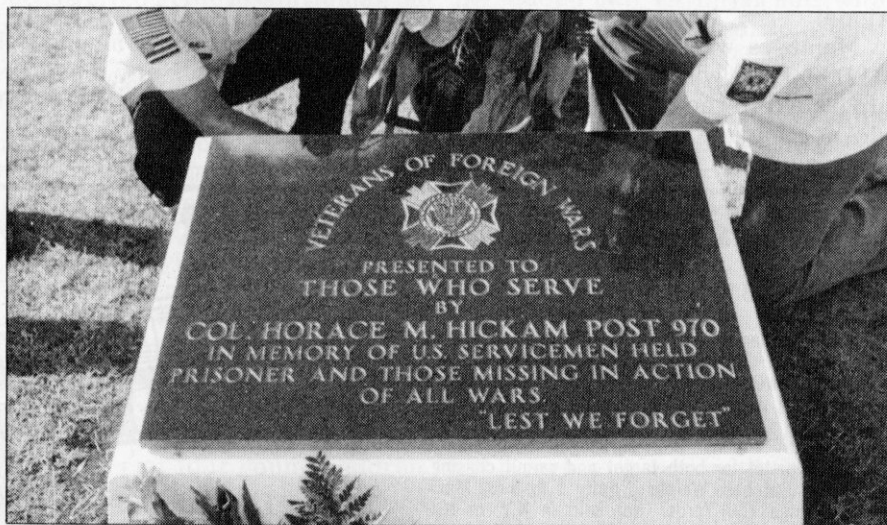


Debi Graves, sponsored by Post 10377, Morgans Point, Texas, was named World Open X-Strut Champion at the National Baton Twirling Association competition at Notre Dame, Ind. With her and her trophies is Commander Delos L. Alvis.



The 12th Special Forces Group (Airborne) received a VFW Americanism Award for unit's 13 years of providing a demonstration team for the VFW Americanism Day in Wheaton, Ill., at Cantigny Park. Holding the award are Sp/4 Lincoln Garcia and Pfc. Edward Clark.

Waterborne Memorial Day wreath-laying ceremonies were conducted by Danny Rizzolo, Service Officer of Post 4715, Point Pleasant, N.J.; Joan Burke, American Legion Post 196; Post 4715 Chaplain George Poulton, Post Commander Henry Conroy and Auxiliary Sr. Vice President Olive Margardt. The event was held on USCGC Point Francis.



This float, made by members of Post 4573, Ishpeming, Mich., was in the city's Fourth of July parade. It highlights the POW/MIA issue.

Two officers of Post 970 at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, arrange the flowers around the newly dedicated plaque to U.S. servicemen missing or held prisoner from all wars. Post 970 donated the plaque to the air base.



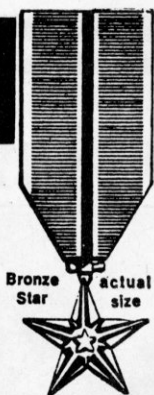
Awarded the Bronze Star in 1945, Leonard Woodworth, a member of Post 10759, Bozrah, Conn., receives the medal 41 years later from retired Col. Floyd R. Waltz, Jr. Ceremony was held during a reunion of the 191st Tank Bn. in which both men served in WWII.



Russell Joos, center, receives a plaque from Post 760, Jamestown, N.D., for his donation to make Veterans Memorial Park a reality. With him are Post Commander Dennis Gilbertson and Post Chaplain F.E. (Bud) Murphy.



With the assistance of Past Commander Elmer Olson, of Post 728, Danville, Ill., the city recently dedicated this memorial to the Vermilion County dead of the Korean and Vietnam Wars. More than 4,000 persons witnessed the ceremonies. Olson writes that the \$75,000 cost of the memorial was raised locally.



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Kylo spent 19 months in Vietnam, much of it as a combat helicopter crew member, often functioning as the machine gunner. He was personally involved in the loss of human life and on many other occasions witnessed it.

He was awarded the Silver Star along with other awards and citations for his combat accomplishments, but these have helped little to alleviate the terrible memories and, most of all, the guilt.

You see, Kylo suffers from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), a chronic emotional disturbance directly related to the life-threatening episodes he experienced in Vietnam.

Today, Kylo is unemployed. This is a difficult situation for a husband and father of four young children. Circumstances probably would be worse were it not for the VFW and, in particular, Thomas L. Hanson, assistant Service Officer for the Department of Minnesota. Through

Hanson's efforts, service connection was established for Kylo's Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. His subsequent assistance resulted in the award of a 100% disability rating.

The quest for a 100% disability evaluation proved difficult. The VA was unwilling to award more than a 50% rating, despite Hanson's repeated arguments and submission of medical documentation supporting the argument that the veteran's emotional problems had seriously intensified.

Frustrated but undaunted, Hanson appealed and the VA arranged for Kylo to appear before a traveling section of the Board of Veterans Appeals meeting then in St. Paul. He persuaded two VA physicians who had treated the veteran to attend the session of Aug. 13, 1985.

This proved to be the turning point, for it was through Hanson's questioning of the physicians that irrefutable evidence was brought forth to establish that Kylo was, indeed, totally disabled and this was due to his service-incurred PTSD.

The result was the award of monthly compensation at the 100% rate, dependents' allowance and a sizable retroactive payment owing to an April, 1982, effective date.

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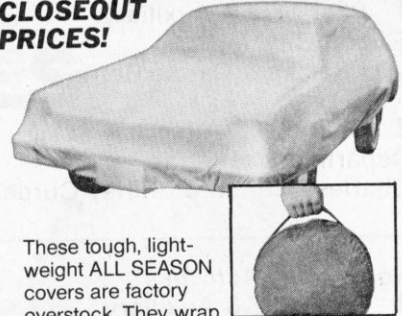
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The pictures and identifications of the National Program Winners were inadvertently transposed in the October issue. They are being reprinted in this issue to correct this error.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

1986-87 Series General Orders No. 1

1. Having been elected Commander-in-Chief and having been installed in office in accordance with the By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, I hereby assume command.
2. The following officers having been duly elected and installed by the 87th National Convention will be accorded the recognition due them: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Earl L. Stock, Jr., Post 3275, Ft. Plain, N.Y.; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Larry W. Rivers, Post 1736, Alexandria, La.; Quartermaster General: Herbert W. Irwin, Post 5789, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Judge Advocate General: David C. Doten, Jr., Post 1965, Memphis, Tenn.; The Surgeon General: John Boyd Coates, Jr., Post 7418, Gap, Pa.; National Chaplain: Msgr. Alfred A. Schneider, Post 659, Manitowoc, Wis.; National Council Members: District No. 2, Louis Reale, Post 7790, Waterbury, Conn.; District No. 4, John J. Lieb, Post 2079, Washington, D.C.; District No. 6, Otis N. Berry, Post 637, Hopewell, Va.; District No. 8, George H. Pugh, Post 9147, Watkinsville, Ga.; District No. 10, Robert B. Thomas, Post 1098, McAlester, Okla.; District No. 12, Paul S. Aaberg, Post 6139, Zuhl, N.D.; District No. 14, Jack C. Hulslander, Post 3063, Seattle, Wash.; District No. 16, Louis Balasanos, Post 10276, Honolulu, Hawaii; District No. D, Glen A. Rohr, Post 9795, Canal Fulton, Ohio; District No. E, Patrick T. Bohmer, Post 246, Minneapolis, Minn.; and District No. H, Robert J. Lyons, Sr., Post 8246, Vidor, Texas.
3. All previous appointments having expired are declared null and void.
4. The following appointments are hereby announced: Adjutant General: Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr., Post 6467, Bergenfield, N.J.; Chief of Staff: Donald A. Nikkel, Post 1, Denver, Colo.; Inspector General: James L. Kimery, Post 9354, Albuquerque, N.M.; Assistant Adjutant General and Executive Director, Washington Office: Cooper T. Holt, Post 1289, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Assistant Adjutant General, Administrative: Edward L. Burnham, Post 1724, Willimantic, Conn.; Assistant Adjutant General, Programs: Curtis M. Jewell, Post 1090, Warren, Ohio; Assistant Quartermaster General: James D. Bowden, Post 869, Kansas City, Kans.; Director, Administrative Services and Interim Director, National Convention: Omar F. Kendall, Post 673, Jasper, Ind.; Director, Americanism and Community Activities: Raymond N. Price, Post 8100, Grandview, Mo.; Director, General Services: William E. Rafiner, Post 7900, Kansas City, Mo.; Director, Membership: W. Benny Bachand, Post 4287, Orlando, Fla.; Post Development and Safety: Joseph D. Ross, Post 2048, Elmhurst, Ill.; Director, Post Services and Buddy Poppy: John J. Senk, Jr., Post 335, Cranford, N.J.; Director, Director, Publications & Public Relations: Wade W. LaDue, Post 6603, Blue Springs, Mo.; Director, Voice of Democracy and Youth Activities: Lawrence LeFebvre,

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6. The following appointments to the Political Action Committee Board of Directors, for a term of three years, are hereby announced: Ted C. Connell, Post 9192, Killeen, Texas, and John J. Stang, Post 3147, LaCrosse, Kans.

7. Attention of Commanders at all levels is directed to the provisions of Section 211 of the National By-Laws, as amended, pertaining to resolutions adopted by the National Convention: "Any public communication and/or promulgation by Posts of Resolutions contrary to Resolutions adopted by the National Convention shall be in violation of the laws and usages of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and the lawful orders of the National Convention and shall be cause for the immediate suspension by the Commander-in-Chief of the charter of any Post found by him to be in such violation and if action to comply with the mandates of the Convention is not taken before the end of the suspension period, the Charter of such Post shall be cancelled by the Commander-in-Chief and such cancellation shall not be subject to the appeals provided herein."

8. Post Commanders, County Council Commanders and District Commanders are directed to forward all resolutions or communications relative to FEDERAL LEGISLATION OR TO THE POLICY OR PROCEDURE OF THE U.S. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, to their respective Department Headquarters for consideration and referral to the Adjutant General. Department Commanders will not take direct action on any such resolutions or com-

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9. Invitations to National Officers must be forwarded through channels to the Adjutant General with approval of the Department Commander. This applies to all National Officers, and unless the above is complied with, invitations will not be given consideration.
10. DEPARTMENT RESERVE. Attention is called to Section 517, Manual of Procedure that requires Department Quartermasters to maintain a dues fund to which shall be credited not less than fifty percent (50%) of all current year's (1987) dues that he receives prior to July 1, 1987. No Department Quartermaster shall disburse nor shall an obligation be incurred against this fund until after July 1, 1987, at which time all moneys to the credit of the fund shall be transferred to the Department General Fund for expenditure in accordance with the approved Department budget.
11. POST RESERVE. Attention is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, which mandates Post Quartermasters to maintain a dues reserve fund to which shall be credited not less than one-half of the Post's part of the current year's (1987) dues paid by each member prior to July 1, 1987, except dues remitted by the Post. No Post Quartermaster shall disburse, nor shall an obligation be incurred against this fund until after July 1, 1987, at which time it shall be transferred to the Post General Fund and be available for expenditure.
12. Attention of Commanders at all levels is directed to Section 703 of the National Constitution and By-Laws and Manual of Procedure which requires that each accountable officer be bonded with an indemnity company in the sum at least equal to the amount of negotiable funds for which he may be accountable.
13. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, Duty of Trustees, which states that Post Trustees shall prepare and submit, through their Post Commander, a Trustee Report of Audit (Supply Department Stock No. 4214) quarterly to the Department Quartermaster for referral to the Department Inspector. The first report is due at the close of September.
14. Attention of Department and Post Commanders is directed to the requirement of timely filing of Internal Revenue Form 990 and 990 T, where applicable. Forms may be secured from your local Post Office or branch office of Internal Revenue Service.
15. Attention of all units is called to the amendments which provided for changes to the following sections of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure adopted by the 87th National Convention which are effective as of September 22, 1986: 108, 109, 110, 111, 201, 202, 210, 211, 212, 220, 304, 309, 310, 311, 404, 408, 409, 410, 505, 508, 509, 510, 521, 618, 708, 709, 803. All units are required to purchase the revised By-Law and Ritual books from the Supply Department reflecting the changes.
16. All National Aides-de-Camp, Medal of Honor Class, who held appointments prior to August 22, 1986, will be reappointed upon verification that such Aides are members in good stand for the 1987 membership year.
17. All members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States who have been awarded the Medal of Honor are eligible to appointment as Aides-de-Camp to the Commander-in-Chief, Medal of Honor Class. Post Commanders will report such members to their Department Commanders for recommendation and referral to the Commander-in-Chief.
18. Posts are urged to start planning suitable programs now for the observance of Veterans Day (See Section 223, Manual of Procedure.)
19. The National Council of Administration meeting will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, on October 4, 1986.
20. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to the Commander-in-Chief's decision in response to questions raised concerning alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting as set forth below: It is held to be objectionable and contrary to accepted rules of order and proper decorum implicit in the ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to permit alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting. Accordingly, the presence, dispensation and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting is completely unacceptable and any such practice known to exist shall be terminated.
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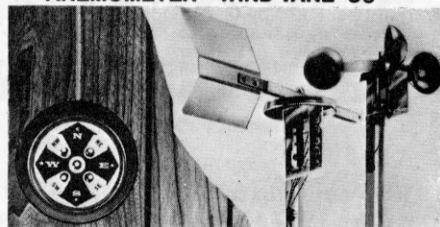
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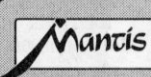
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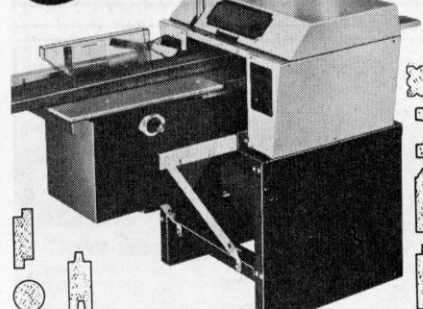
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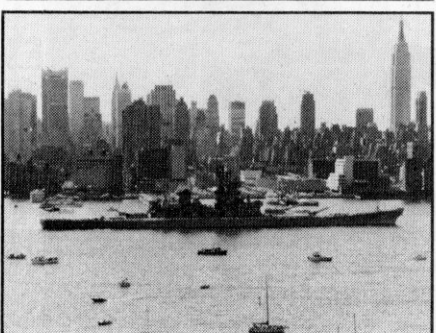
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3rd Div., 15th Inf., Co. C—Franklin Lybarger and Ephraim Sochinsky to claim—John Sayeski, 10721 Telechron Ave., No. 4, Whittier CA 90605.

95th Combat Engrs. Bn., Co. B—Seeking anyone who was with me at Camp Desert Rock, NV in atomic bomb testing, to substantiate claim—A. Henderson, 113 Cole St., Opp AL 36467.

1st Cavalry Div., 5th Rgt.—Seeking anyone who remembers my concussion, especially Lt. Robert Dorman, Atwood and Hudson. Pltn. Sgts.—George Tidwell, PO Box 143, Caneyville KY 42721.

193rd Tank Bn., & 78th FA (Ft. Benning, GA)—Seeking anyone who remembers me to substantiate claim—H.M. Lomax, PO Box 6, Hermleigh TX 79526.

1st Div., 16th Inf., Co. E—Seeking anyone who remembers when I was shot in my knee, especially Doc Hunt, Lt. St. Slair, & Sgts. Johnson & Krueger—Felton Long, PO Box 475, Cochran GA 31014.

1st Cav. Div., 1st Sqdn. 9th Cav., Trp. D—Seeking anyone who remembers the crash of the Chinook helicopter near Pleiku, RVN—Elmer Pratt, PO Box B-40319, Tamal CA 94964.

3103 Sig. Svc. Bn. (WWII)—Seeking Presidential Unit Citation for work in Europe—Frank Raftery, 46 Beechhurst Ave., Floral Park NY 11001.

797th Military Police Co. (Calamba Laguna Philippine Islands)—Seeking anyone stationed here to substantiate claim—J.M. Neill, 747 Livingstone Pl., Decatur GA 30030.

608th Eng. Light Equip. Co.—Seeking anyone who remembers my water blisters—John Ferchak, 1375 N. Huron, Harrisville MI 48740.

8th Army Hdq. (Seoul, Korea)—Seeking Lt. Col. Anderson to substantiate claim—M.E. Nelson, Veterans Home, 51st Hokah Ave. So., Minneapolis MN 55417.

925th Sig. Co. Depot—Seeking anyone remembering my hospitalization for malaria—James Morris, 105 Hemlock, San Augustine TX 75972.

54th QM Rgt. HM Co. G—Seeking anyone to substantiate claim—Joseph Herman, 1257 Lewis Rd., Mansfield OH 44903.

POW Base Camp 1967 (July 1945-Jan. 1946)—Seeking anyone who remembers me to substantiate claim—James Belcher, Rt. 4 Box 155, Kosciusko MS 39090.

179th Gen. Hosp. (1945-France)—Seeking anyone remembering my hospitalization—Al Lawlor, 213 Wallace St., Edison NJ 08817.

6132nd Tac. Control Gp. (Korea-1951-52)—Seeking anyone who remembers my Jeep accident—James Wiecks, 1029 State St., Apt. 31, River Falls WI 54022.

103rd Div., 328th Med. Bn., Co. C—Seeking anyone who remembers my injury while transporting wounded to a clearing co.—Thomas Montis, 2025 Webster St., San Angelo TX 76901.

4th Army Amphibious Bde., 3015th Eng. Specialists Co.—Seeking anyone who remembers when I became ill after landing at Ngoya, Japan—Ed Honeyman, 71 Ronald Rd., New Britain CT 06053.

579th SAW Bn.—Seeking Marion Bassett (Dallas TX) to substantiate a claim—Leonard J. Nigon, RR 2 Box 196 A, Eyota MN 55934.

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Eucom Eng. School (Murnau, Germany), March 1951-Apr.—Seeking anyone who remembers when I hurt my back while tightening track on crane—Wilbur Campbell, Po Box 829, Lake City FL 32056.

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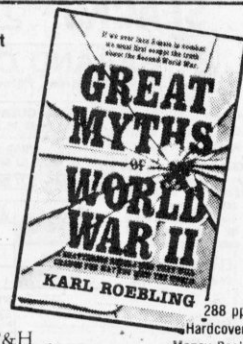
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Americal Div. 1/82 Artillery, 8try A.—Aug., Grove OK—Jack Logsdon, RR 1, Shawneetown IL 62871.

1st Div. (Big Red One WWI, WWII, & Vietnam)—Apr., Washington D.C.—Steve Ralph, PO Box 2331, Springfield VA 22152.

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7th Div. HQ & Supply Co. (WWI)—Oct., Phoenix AZ—Frank Wilson, 8001 E. Broadway No. 4094, Mesa AZ 85208.

9th Med. Bn. Co. C (WWII)—Apr., Pigeon Forge TN—John Lewis, 211 Midland St., Shelbyville TN 37160.

13th FA Obsn. Bn.—Apr., Atlanta GA—W.C. Bullock, PO Box 4, Hixson TN 37343.

28th Tank Co. D. Trp., 104th Cav. & 34th Recon. Trp., 34th Div. (WWII E.T.O.)—March, Norristown PA—Aubra Fox, 820 Noble St., Norristown PA 19401.

29th Div.—Feb., Lakeland FL—George Smith, 1086 Bayless Pl., Eagleville PA 19403.

43rd Inf. Div. (Sunbelt Chapter)—Jan., Orlando FL—William Head, 5725 W. Paul Bryant Dr., Crystal River FL 32629.

188th F. A. Assn. Svc. Btry.—Apr., Mesa AZ—Otto Specht, 3403 E. Main, No. 2008, Mesa AZ 85204.

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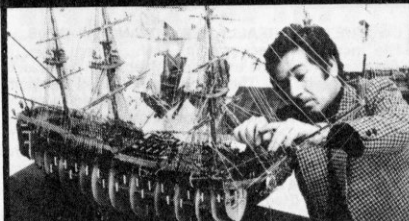
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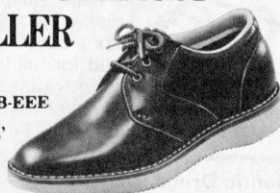
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7th Army HQ (WWII)—Seeking John Holt—Otis Seago, 218 N. Washington, Jerseyville IL 62052.

9th AF, 322nd Bomb Gp. Sqdrn. (1945)—Need witnesses to substantiate claim for 1st Lt. Douglas H. McClaugherty—William Littlefield, 19 Canton St., Springfield MA 01104.

New Caledonia Air Base (Jan.-Feb., 1946)—Anyone who remembers my spraining an ankle on messhall steps—Robert E. DeBarr, 11917 Glenoak, Maryland Hts. MO 63043.

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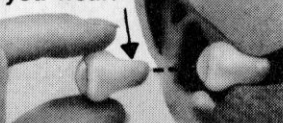


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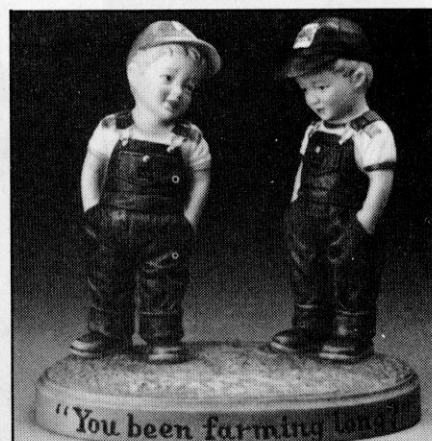
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"... and not only do they use our name to denote stupidity, they're using our meat to make phony baloney!"

Resting

At the side of a road, a young woman looked hopelessly at a flat tire. A friendly motorist stopped to help.

After the tire was changed, the woman said, "Please let the jack down easily. My husband is sleeping in the back seat."

Concentration

In the closing days of the session, a legislator, in full oratorical flight, paused for a question. Then, about to resume, he looked momentarily flustered and said, "Mr. Speaker, I've lost my train of thought."

An observer in the balcony whispered to a friend, "On his train of thought, the caboose comes right behind the locomotive."

Preparation

College President: "Some of you paid your own way through college, and realize, as I do, that college is an institution which prepares students for the real world."

One listener to another, "It sure does. Right off the bat it put me in debt \$25,000!"

Speed

Two women were boarding the airliner. One of them turned to the pilot and said, "Now please don't travel faster than sound; we want to talk."

Quick-thinking

The personnel manager had advertised a job opening, and a large group of applicants was waiting in her waiting room. The first young man was ushered into her office, and she began explaining the job to him.

"We need someone in this job who can really think on his feet. Can you show me that you're capable of doing that?"

Without a word, the young man got to his feet, stuck his head out the door, and announced to the waiting applicants, "Okay, you guys. You can all go home — the job's just been filled."

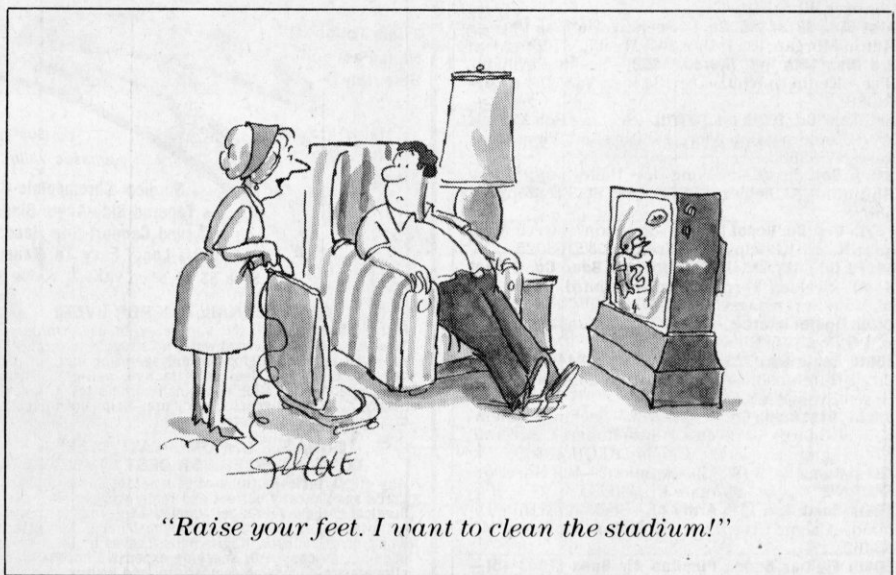
Repayment

The shopper was in a supermarket with a tightwad friend when two men came in and held up the store. As the robbers started going through the customers' pockets, the man's friend tried to hand him

something.

"Don't give me a weapon. I won't use it," he whispered.

"It's not a weapon. It's the \$25 I owe you," said his friend.



"Raise your feet. I want to clean the stadium!"

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